The Grenada School District Board of Trustees met on October 12, 2021 and reviewed our District of Innovation Renewal Plan. They voted to approve our renewal application for District of Innovation status and move forward with the continuation and implementation of our project.

Having worked diligently to break down traditional barriers, our Walls to Windows innovative plan will continue to reduce achievement gaps, increase learning and participation in programs that inspire achievement and continue to develop college and career ready students. This plan will provide opportunities for all students with emphasis on first-generation college bound students as well as our underrepresented student population.

Our administration will provide release time for professional development, to work on implementation of components, and to plan for full expansion of the Middle College Program and PLTW Program. Our administrative staff participates in ongoing efforts to create pathways for college and career and strengthening business and industry partnerships.

**Department Recommendation: Approve with all Waivers**

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| **New Waiver?**  **(Y or N)** | **Process Standard** | **Requested waiver(s) from State or Local Policies,**  **Requirements, or Restrictions** | **Rationale for Waiver Request** |
| N | 13.1 | Waiver from seat time | Due to non-traditional scheduling of the middle college students at the high school level, exemption from the 330 minutes of instructional per day would allow students flexibility to attend both high school and college classes during the academic day. |
| N | 27 | PLTW Launch and Gateway curriculum will be blended with the Mississippi Science Curriculum in grades 5 and 6. | The Mississippi Core Curriculum for Science blended with PLTW will increase rigor and improve performance on state tests. |